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THE WAR.

BOERS ON THE COAST.

A SHIP FIRED ON.

Cape Town, Oct. 19.—Recently some Boers, moving about the shores of Saldanha Bay, fired on a vessel which was transhipping cargo in the harbour. A gunboat subsequently arrived and shelled the Boers, who then retired.—Reuter.

A BOAT IN ACTION.

Cape Town, Oct. 18.—A few days ago a small Boer Commando was reported to have arrived within two hours of Saldanha Bay, 65 miles from here, on the west coast. Passing steamers were signalled to come close in, and upon them many of the frightened inhabitants took refuge. The steamers then put out to sea, and just as they were rounding the point a number of Boers galloped up and opened fire upon them. The steamers thereupon signalled to a gunboat which was in the vicinity. The gunboat immediately put on full steam, quickly got the range of the enemy and opened fire. As soon as the first shell fell near them the Boers scattered and bolted from the scene.—Central News.

FIGHTING IN THE TRANSVAAL.

AN OFFICER KILLED.

From a private telegram received in England yesterday, announcing the death of Maj. Francis Minshull Ford, D.S.O., it would seem as if fighting had taken place on Friday at Bronkhorst Spruit, in the Transvaal, the gallant officer being reported as killed in action there. No details are given of the manner in which he met his death. Maj. Ford, who was only aged 31, was attached to the S.A. Constabulary, previous to which he had served with Bethune's M.I., where he held the rank of Captain. He was formerly in the 2nd Battalion, Highland L.I. The deceased officer was the eldest son of the late Capt. J. R. Minshull Ford, of the 8th (The King's Regt.), of Llwyngorn, Montgomeryshire.

Bronkhorst Spruit, where the engagement took place, is about 67 miles from Pretoria, near the line of the Pretoria-Delagoa Bay Rly. It was the scene of the opening episode of the war of 1881, when, without any declaration of hostility, the Boers, concealed behind boulders in the neighbourhood of the road, shot down a detachment of the 97th Regt., numbering 270 men, under Col. A. A. Strudwick, of the 2nd Battalion, Royal Fusiliers, who, it is said, was buried near the scene of action.

BOTHAS' ESCAPE.

PURSUITS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

Botha's retirement to the Pongola renders operations against him extremely difficult, says the correspondent of "The Morning Post." Bodies of 500 or more can easily conceal themselves in the wooded knolls and the mountains. The main body of Boers on the Natal frontier is reported to have doubled back under Commandant Christian Botha, finding that the British were too strong to the north, and is now said to be at Babanango, near the scene of their defeat on Sept. 26, short of supplies.

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT.

In Boer circles in Brussels, says "The Standard," it is stated that the invasion of Cape Colony by the commandants of Theron and Maritz has been ordered by Botha, not for the purpose of attacking Cape Town, but of reaching Saldanha Bay, where a supply of ammunition is expected for the burghers.

CAPTURE OF A COMMANDANT.

Reitvlei, Oct. 16.—Fourteen prisoners, captured by Maj. Holmes's column at Reitvlei, have arrived here. Among them are Commandant David Maritz, whose laager was captured on the 1st inst., and a Free State artilleryman. The company of mounted infantry which effected these captures had one man slightly wounded.—Reuter.

BOERS SURRENDER.

Frankfort, Oct. 18.—A number of Boers have surrendered at a blockhouse between Heilbron and Frankfort.—Reuter.

ARREST OF A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR.

Cape Town, Oct. 18.—Mr. Van den Heever, member of the Cape Legislative Council, who was arrested on Sept. 5 for concealing arms, has been deprived of his commission of Justice of the Peace and Field Cornet.—Reuter.

FOREIGN CONSULS AND MARTIAL LAW.

Cape Town, Oct. 18.—In consequence of the proclamation of martial law, the foreign Consuls have notified their respective subjects in the peninsula to register themselves at their Consulates.—Reuter.

MORE FARM-BURNING.

The Brussels correspondent of "The Morning Post" says it is reported that the commandants under Theron and Maritz, which are marching southward in the direction of Cape Town, have burned a great number of

loyalists' farms in retaliation for the execution of rebels. It is also said that other reprisals of a more cruel character are to be made.

SMUTS' MOVEMENTS.

According to "The Mail" correspondent, the outlook in the colony has distinctly improved during the past week. Commandant Smuts' cutting up of the 17th Lancers near Tarkastad was but an incident, albeit a most unwelcome one, in the inevitable trend of events. That is to say, he was compelled to cut his way through the poor held by the Lancers that was being closed round him. This much is known here, and people are more hopeful in consequence. In a large measure the Boers and rebels in arms have been cleared out of the coast districts in the vicinity of Cape Town. They came hither, not of their own free will, but because they were driven by the troops, who hoped to deal with them effectually in the more populous districts near the coast. The pursuit of Smuts is being continued with vigour in the Swartzenberg.

SUCCESS NEAR SUTHERLAND.

A Matjiesfontein (Reuter's) telegram says a party of the District Mounted Force under Lt. Goosen, moving from Sutherland, surrounded a party of Boers in a farm on the night of Oct. 14. It attacked the Boers at daylight, wounded several, and captured nine prisoners, some horses, nine rifles, and 300 rounds of ammunition.

COL. BENSON'S CAPTURES.

Reuter's Pretoria correspondent says that Col. Benson's columns, which has lately been operating along the Eastern Rly. line, is being reorganized. Its work has been most successfully carried out. In the course of the past six months it has killed nearly 50 Boers and taken about 600 prisoners of war, 13,000 cattle, 33,000 sheep, and 2,400 horses. The force is composed of the 18th and 19th Mounted Infantry, the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and the 2nd Scottish Horse, and has two guns and two "pom-poms."

VILJOEN AND DELARAY.

"The Morning Post" correspondent states that Ben Viljoen is reported to be near Pilgrim's Rest, while Delaray is hanging about his old haunts with small bands of followers.

GEN. BULLER.

The Mayor of Exeter has received a letter from Gen. Buller declining an invitation to a civic banquet at Exeter on Friday, pleading a prior engagement. It is understood he had previously promised to dine with Col. Sir J. Shelley. There is good reason, telegraph our correspondent, for regarding it as practically certain that the gallant General will make no speech on the criticisms of his recent appointment to South African generalship.

FRANCO-BOER PRISONERS IN CEYLON.

The French Consular Agent at Colombo has written to the Boer Independence Committee at Paris calling attention to the condition of the Frenchmen who took part in the South African Campaign, who are now prisoners of war, and who have been deprived of everything but the barest necessities of life.—Central News.

PRESENTATION OF WAR MEDALS.

At Stafford yesterday the Earl of Dartmouth, Lord Lieutenant of the County, presented South African war medals to the men of the Staffordshire Yeomanry and the Volunteer Service Co., who had served at the front.

The Mayor and Corporation attended in state, and much enthusiasm prevailed, the town being gaily decorated. Replying to a vote of thanks Lord Dartmouth said there had been too much speaking about the war, and too much criticism and fault finding of those who had difficult work to do on behalf of the country. He congratulated the Yeomanry and Volunteers on the hearty response they made to their country's call.

A BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

The men of the Black Watch Service Volunteers, and the Fife, Forfar, and Perth Yeomanry were presented yesterday with war medals at the headquarters of the Black Watch Regt. in Perth by Earl Strathmore, Lord Elgin and the Duke of Athol, Lords Lieutenants of Forfarshire, Fifeshire, and Perthshire respectively. The function was most brilliant and imposing.

CEREMONY AT SHREWSBURY.

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INCREASE IN ARREARS.

It is understood that the others would be paid on board the Orient. One trooper stated that he had £75 to draw. Of the 50 Yeomen who were reported to have absconded from Shorncliffe all turned up at that place, except one, who joined his comrades at Southampton. In addition to Yeomanry, the Orient is taking out three officers and 230 men of the S.A. Constabulary, colonials to the number of four officers and 112 men, and 46 shunters, signallers, and gingers for the Imperial Military Rly.

THE ORIENT SAILS.

A large crowd witnessed the departure of the Orient from Southampton yesterday afternoon. Before the vessel sailed it was ascertained that some of them were going out again almost immediately to the S.A. Constabulary. He thought this was wise, because they would have many opportunities not only of doing well for the country but for themselves. There were many highly-paid appointments which they might well try to obtain. He hoped Volunteers who had been out would always have a good word to say for their military comrades, as the latter always spoke well of Volunteers.

REMOUNTS FOR THE FRONT.

The transport Fifeshire sailed from the Royal Albert Dock yesterday for S. Africa with a few details and 400 remounts. Lt.-Col. Allatt being in command. The Fifeshire will call at Southampton and Queenstown, en route to the Cape, for 300 additional remounts.

THE NATAL BORDER.

BRUCE-HAMILTON AT VRYHEID.

After very rough experiences, owing chiefly to the bad weather, Gen. Bruce-Hamilton's column (says the Central News) has reached Vryheid. During the trek from Zululand the British

force was opposed in strength by a commando under Grobelaar. The Boers showed no disposition to stand, however, and seemed to be most anxious to avoid a pitched fight. They kept ahead of Bruce-Hamilton's men, always beyond rifle range, but on several occasions the British shells caused the enemy to move hurriedly. Dannhauser's small commando has reached Babanango on the Zululand border, so that the Boers are again practically within range of the scene of the battle at Itala. But the whole strip of Transvaal territory south of Vryheid is depopulated, the Boer families having been removed, and has also been cleared of all stock and supplies. The Boers on the Zululand border, so far as is known here, and people are more hopeful in consequence. In a large measure the Boers and rebels in arms have been cleared out of the coast districts in the vicinity of Cape Town. They came hither, not of their own free will, but because they were driven by the troops, who hoped to deal with them effectually in the more populous districts near the coast. The pursuit of Smuts is being continued with vigour in the Swartzenberg.

THE BOERS ON THE ZULULAND FRONTIER.

Nkandla, Oct. 16.—Several hundred Boers are once more reported above Babanango, but they are practically in a starving condition and disinclined for fighting.

A TELLING DIFFERENCE.

In two years, writes "The Times," correspondent to a rejoinder to Miss Hobhouse, a generous British public have given to the Boers in South Africa, in connection with Miss Brodrick's plan for home defence, as now absolutely nothing to cause uneasiness in connection with the Afghan question, as the British and the Russian Governments have come to a complete agreement calculated to avert all dispute in the matter, even should complications arise in Afghanistan which, but for the agreement, might be expected to lead to the dangerous contingency of a concurrent intervention of the two Powers.

NEW YEOMANRY FOR LONDON.

The scheme for establishing a corps of Imperial Yeomanry for London, in connection with Miss Brodrick's plan for home defence, has now taken practical shape. The 2nd County of London Imperial Yeomanry (Gentlemen's Corps), whose office is at 9, Pall Mall, are now to be seen in their becoming uniform, which resembles that of the Dragoons, except as to the facings, which are of purple, edged with gold lace. The forage cap is also similar to that worn by the Dragoons, and in conjunction with the escort coat with a shoulder chain, gives the men a very smart effect. Recruitments are proceeding briskly, and mounted and dismounted drills are now going on.

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CIGARETTE PAPERS
By JOSEPH HATTON.

At a Rhine Railway Station.

That I am not libelling the autocrat of the station nor his colleagues the great Bismarck. "To-day the son of the artisan and the merchant, if he wears a coloured cap on his illustrious head, is more conceded than an exalted squire." Stationmasters wear red cap. I recently witnessed a scene at a Rhine railway station between three persons that was as good as a little stage-comedy. The leading character was the stationmaster, the other two were an Englishman and his wife. They remained in a vague way of the couple in "Rosemary," played by Mr. Bishop and Miss Mary Moore. They had taken return tickets from Rolandseck to Bonn. The lady had torn the tickets in two, the said tickets being very like our own. At Rolandseck the ticket porter said he had once before seen this strange thing done by eccentric Englishmen. However he stamped them and showed the Britisher how to hold them when presenting them at Bonn. The Bonn guardian of the gate refused to receive the vouchers, and kept the exit barred against the two passengers. What he said they evidently did not understand. The "Rosemary" gentleman piloted his wife to every door of the station, but locks, bolts, and bars held him in check. It was like a scene in the bandit's cave where at every approach or exit there steps forth a sentinel grim and armed. The Britisher became angry. His wife spoke German well enough, but German rashed and gurgled in a different language from that of the examples you meet with on the stage at Berlin. Mr. Red Cap was at last found in his bureau. He had already been informed of their treason; they had torn the tickets of the Government of the line, mutilated the Imperial vouchers! "Go and get fresh tickets!" he said, with a frown. "But these are not defaced and at Rolandseck they—" "Go away, get fresh tickets!" The Englishman's reply was to plant the tickets on the desk before the dictator. This seemed to drive him crazy. He sprang from his desk, delivered himself of a strange jumble of groans and exclamations, so denunciatory they seemed that the irate Britisher out of "Rosemary" reddened, clenched his fist, and swore roundly. His wife interposed, but the polite stationmaster begged her not. Turning to the crowd of lookers on, he said, "Ah, ah, can you believe it, they buy their tickets and then tear them up!" He imitated the act of reading things, and jumped about like one possessed. "But," said the lady, prompted by her non-linguistic husband, "In England it is the custom to—" "Oh, ah!" screamed the stationmaster. "In England it is the custom to tear the tickets; to deface, to mutilate them; ah, ah, but you can't do that in Germany; no madam, no sir, you must not do that in Germany!"

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Sailors and Soldiers.
They all do it; French and German; they look you in. You are always being ordered about. You must wait here and be ticketed there. If your train is shunted for half an hour, or pulled up to wait for the passing of an express you must leave your carriage, and he locked up in a waiting-room. There is some reason for this in the absence of platforms. At some of the German stations they have to draw a chain around the paving in front of the station to prevent the express from sweeping away passengers off their feet. Once or twice in Germany we came across their sailors. Then we felt proud of our own. The Germans may build as many fleets as they like, their fighting men will never be sailors; they will always be soldiers. They are not as much like sailors as our marines, and not half as handy. But soldiers, yes, they are fine, handsome, well-built, hardy looking chaps. Environment often adds to the distinction of companies of troops. Even in their fatigue dress the German soldiers tramping across the bridge of boats at Coblenz look the stunner and more picturesque for the bustle of the river, and the sieg-hei arrangement of the pontoon bridge.

"But You Should See the Clyde!"

Between the rainstorms we had some bright and sunny weather. One of our party was new to the Rhine. She had seen the world, nevertheless evidently did not understand. The "Rosemary" gentleman piloted his wife to every door of the station, but locks, bolts, and bars held him in check. It was like a scene in the bandit's cave where at every approach or exit there steps forth a sentinel grim and armed. The Britisher became angry. His wife spoke German well enough, but German rashed and gurgled in a different language from that of the examples you meet with on the stage at Berlin. Mr. Red Cap was at last found in his bureau. He had already been informed of their treason; they had torn the tickets of the Government of the line, mutilated the Imperial vouchers! "Go and get fresh tickets!" he said, with a frown.

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"To be Continued in Our Next."

There is an ancient archway that overlooks the island of Nonnenwerth that divides the Rhine for a short space at the foot of the Drachenfels. One can imagine that David Roberts stood there and conceived his idea of the frontispiece for Lord Lytton's book, which is a treasure to-day, not for its letters, but for the illustrations from the easels of David Roberts, Macleish, and E. T. Parry, which were engraved by many famous craftsmen. It is the memoir of a love story less conventional than most of the Rhine fables, and catches no inspiration from Homer; it holds my memory above all the fables of the river, perhaps for the reason that the scene is associated with a past, "un触ed by the sorrows of Time's later day." That God has endowed memory with as keen a capacity for retaining the sunshine to give us months' notice to expire in March.

as well as the shadow, makes the past not only tolerable to the mind, but a mercy and a blessing. The pleasures of memory may bear comparison with the most exalted enjoyments of the present; hence the wisdom of laying in such store of happy and worthy experiences as shall in a measure compensate for the tragedy that is in every man's life. It is the human interest of the past and often recorded events that makes the Rhine more interesting, though less noble, than the Hudson, and it is the human touch of a lost companion that gives grace and beauty to "The Wandering of Childe Harold":

And innocent girls, with deep blue eyes, of whom there are many flowers. And smiling over this paradise, Above the frequent feudal towers, And noble arch in proud decay. Look over this vale of vintage-bowers; But one thing want these banks of Rhine. Thy gentle hand to clasp in mine!

And so hoping no apology may be needed for this lapse into sentiment, I propose to tax your patience next week with the story of Nonnenwerth.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Questions requiring to be answered the same week.

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CHAPTER XXIX.

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was, made the best of them. If he had nerves and had a duel on his hands, they possessed unpaid bills, narrow means, and hosts of sharp-like creditors, with none of which things he was burdened. He was young, handsome, rich, and physically healthy, and, therefore, should have been fairly happy; but his nerves, his neurosis—all different names invented by doctors for one thing—poisoned the very springs of his being. He was a pity that he was not poor. Poverty, thought of others, enforced labour, would have given him no time to examine his ailment, and in time as a man under the curse of Adam—he might have become fairly happy. Nature gave him nerves—Fortune gave him malice bestowed on him ample means, and between these two misfortunes Anthony's soul was being ground into nothing. He was so wretched that he could have wept over his miseries; and began to welcome the duel as likely to put a period to his woes.

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OUR OMNIBUS.
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WILL WORKMAN.

I think the most sensible speech I have heard or read for a long time on the question of temperance was one made by Mr. Chamberlain last Tuesday in the Birmingham Town Hall. Of course, I cannot give it all, but it amounted to this. That temperance societies must endeavour to attain their objects by moral, educational, and religious persuasion rather than by political agitation, and I am sure he is quite right, but he did not always think that.

As he said in his speech, "when I was younger, and, I suppose, more audacious than I am now, I tried my hand at this great problem, and proposed a scheme. It was defeated; practically it was laughed out of court." That is over twenty years ago, but I recollect it well, as I was a member of the Birmingham Liberal Association (or Radical cause, as it was called) at the time, and I have cause to remember the night when he introduced to a large meeting what was then called the Gottenburg scheme, and I'll tell you why.

It is an old saying and a true one that "you never know what you can do till you try," and up till then I had never had the slightest idea that I could make a speech in public, and if anyone had even suggested that I should attempt to do so I should have laughed at the very idea, but that night Mr. Chamberlain, while denouncing the drinking habits of working men, said certain things that he would not dream of saying now, and when he sat down I fully expected that some working man would get up and reply to him, but nobody moved, when the thought suddenly came into my mind to answer him myself. So I jumped up on the impulse of the moment and told him and the rest of them just what I thought of them and their scheme.

And the curious thing was this, that as soon as ever I began to speak I found that all the arguments I wanted came into my head, and, better still, the very words in which to express my views came into my mouth, and it all seemed so easy that I wondered why I had never done it before. After the meeting was over one of the leading men came to me and said, "If I had got what you have got I would give a thousand pounds." "What is that?" I said? "The gift of the gab," he said; and it turned out that is just what I had got, and I have had it ever since, and it has been worth more than a thousand pounds to me; and there is many another working man has got it, but he don't know it, because he has never tried.

I cannot help smiling at the change that has taken place amongst all those of us who have now got to pay our own rates. We never used to trouble ourselves as to how high or how low they were, and we never cared whether they were going up or coming down.

Now we take the deepest interest in the smallest detail, and that is why I am so glad to hear that the County Council has no power to carry out the idea of granting dowries to its lady typists upon their marriage. If the Council want to dower them let the Councillors do it with their own money and not with ours. We have no money to dower our own daughters, much less other people's.

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Mme Amy Castle, a compatriot of Madame Melba, will make her debut at a vocal recital in St. James's Hall on Nov. 19. Since the young lady left Australia she has been taking finishing lessons in singing under M. Bouhy in Paris. She possesses a light soprano voice and held a high reputation in Melbourne as a singer of florid music, a phase of vocal art which has almost died out for want of capable executants.

Good news of Dr. Greig has reached London. The eminent Norwegian composer has quite recovered from his illness, and is now enjoying excellent health. About a fortnight ago he gave a concert at his birthplace, Bergen. The programme was devoted to his own music, and Madame Greig sang several of his husband's delightful songs.

Mr. Hayden Coffin announces a series of afternoon concert recitals to take place the first Monday of each month at Steinway Hall. The popular lyric baritone will be assisted by the following eminent artists: Meers, Maurice Parkes, Joseph Hollman, Johannes Wolf, W. H. Squire, H. B. Irving, and George Oidens.

There was an immense audience at St. James's Hall on Saturday afternoon, when Madame Clara Butt made her first appearance in London since her long illness. The fair contralto vocalist was accorded a most enthusiastic reception when she appeared on the platform.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

I have had sent me two more speci-

mens of the convolvolus hawk-moth,

one from Albany-nd, Camberwell, and

the other from Gravesend.

The former apparently created a great deal of excitement amongst some of the good folks of Camberwell, for I am informed by my correspondent who forwarded it that the moth was looked upon as such an awful creature by the crowd of people gathered round it, until a martial son ventured to approach it, and then a martial son appeared on the scene and boldly overcame it by knocking it down with his cap.

As I have previously stated in this column the convolvolus hawk-moth is not generally common in England, but there are certain seasons when it is quite plentiful, and this season it seems to be exceptionally so, as I have had many specimens sent to me as well as numerous records of the capture of others in various parts of the country.

A chrysalis of the privet hawk-moth has also been sent to me by a correspondent of Sherborne, Dorset. This species is one of the commonest of the hawk-moths, and is of rather large size, measuring as much as four inches in expense of wing. In colour the fore wings are brown, mottled and lined with grey and black, the hind wings and body being striped alternately with black and rose-colour. The caterpillar is light green, with oblique, lateral violet stripes, and on account of its resemblance in colour to its food plants (lilac, privet, etc.), it is difficult to find. It measures over three inches in length. The chrysalis is dark, shining, reddish-brown, and this is formed by the caterpillar burrowing into the ground just before the change takes place. Sometimes the insect remains in the chrysalis state for two years before it assumes its perfect or moth state.

The additions to the Zoological Society's Menagerie during the week ending Oct. 15, include a black-faced spider-monkey, a sakiote, two Indian crows, white-throated capuchin, four musky lorikeets, a turquinoise parakeet, a Parry's kangaroo, and a macaque monkey.

Of the animals mentioned in the foregoing list Parry's kangaroo is of special interest, as until quite recently (when some arrived at Tring Park) no other specimen of this rare Australian beast has been exhibited alive in England since 1856, when Sir Edward Parry brought one home from New South Wales and presented it to the Zoological Society.

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From my new readers who, I am glad to say, appear to be very numerous, I have had many letters regarding the proper treatment of tortoises during the cold weather, and amongst my letters this week are four in which similar information is sought for. I will therefore ask my older readers to allow me to inflict upon them a repetition of this information which was given last year, but I am sure they will tolerate it if they know that the pets on whose behalf it is desired will benefit by it. If the tortoises are kept in a garden, they may be allowed to remain there, and they will bury themselves in the ground away from the cold, but if there is no place where they can conveniently cover themselves with earth, they should be put in a box of hay or wrapped in flannel and stowed away in a dry place. In the winter they sleep and require no food, but when the spring arrives care should be taken to supply them with green food in the shape of cabbage, carrots, turnips, lettuce, etc.

THE ACTOR.

Is there any moral in what I take to be the admitted failure of "The Whirl of the Town" at the Century? Revision and reconstruction, you see, did practically nothing for it. Mr. Dixey went out of the cast, and Mr. Gourlay and Mr. Stover went into it; but it was too late to recover the lost ground. The piece was practically condemned on the first night; any regular and observant playgoer could have prophesied what has since happened. I hope the result will be taken to heart by managers, and especially by those who come from overseas. Such things as "The Whirl of the Town" are "not good enough."

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I am frequently asked as to which is the best saddle to purchase, and it is a question almost impossible of a satisfactory answer. The only thing to do is to go to a good maker of first-class articles abroad in the rear and not too long in the front, but at the same time not too short. A lot of the uncomfortablenes of a saddle arises from improper adjustment. The rider who wants to be comfortable will keep on changing the position of his saddle as to tilt, height, etc., until he gets it right, and then he will mark the position and never move it. If you lend your machine insist that the borrower shall not alter the saddle, and once you have got one that suits you stick to it and take it off your old machine and fix it on your new one until it is worn out. Saddles are like boots, the older they are the more comfortable they are.

The management of the Savoy is evidently looking forward to the Christmas season. "The Emerald Isle" is in its "last week," and is to be replaced by a musical version of "Ivan and Little Christina," and by wholly new one-act pieces called "The Willow Pattern," also from the pen of Captain Hood. The last-named recalls the title of a last-century burlesque, "The Willow Pattern Plate." As for the former, it will be very interesting to see how that picturesque and pathetic little piece will fare in such surroundings. It will tax the acting capacity of the Savoy company.

Anglers take their misfortunes patiently, as well as their sport, and it is from no fault of theirs that more fish have not been caught during the past week. The clerk of the weather has apparently pronounced against them, and although a considerable quantity of rain has fallen, and in some instances increased the stream and coloured the water, it has apparently been insufficient to properly whet the appetite of the fish. Yet October is one of the best angling months of the year, and good bags are sure soon to be heard of.

The official reports of the Thames Angling Preservation Society narrate the capture of a fine 7lb. trout by Mr. Bullivant, while spinning for pike at Chertsey on Sunday last. The fish (in splendid condition) was returned without injury to the river. A pike of 7lb., and several smaller ones, have been caught at Teddington, in addition to roach and dace.

Talking of the Savoy, let me ask you to remember that on the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 31, there will

be at this theatre a special performance, in aid of the sick and infirm, whose services have been rendered to the Savoy.

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THE STAGE.

HAYMARKET.

After a successful tour through the chief cities of the three Kingdoms, those managerial favourites of fortune, Messrs. Fred Harrison and Cyril Maude, are at home again to their legion of playgoing friends at the Haymarket, where last Monday Miss Winifred Emery and Mr. Maude, with their fellow comedians, reappeared in the play by Capt. Marshall, "The Second in Command," the run of which was only interrupted by the close of the early summer season. The cast remains the same, excepting Lady Harbrough who, owing to the regretted indisposition of Miss Fanny Coleman, is now played by Miss Helen Ferrers, without diminution of the saucy dignity of social distinction demanded for the part. Miss Emery is still as sensitively graceful, Mr. Maude as quaintly pathetic, and Mr. Ayneworth as gallant and manly as heretofore; and with Mr. Aubrey Fitzgerald not too obtrusively bibulous as the Hon. Hildebrand, and the youthful charm of Miss Norah Vining as his pretty sweetheart, the comedy renewed its pure and pleasing influence upon the audience.

SUBURBAN THEATRES.

To-morrow the new comic opera, "The Fisher Girl," is due at the Royal Duchess, Balham, where during the past week "The White Heather" has been drawing good audiences. Miss Eugenie Verner, Mr. Eric Mayne, and Mr. H. Triplett may be singled out for exceptionally interesting performances.

This week Mr. Edward Terry and Co. will visit the Grand, Fulham. To-morrow and Tuesday evenings "Sweet Lover" will be given. Wednesday and Thursday evenings "The Passport," preceded by the one-act piece "The Telephone." Friday evening, "Love in Idleness," preceded by "The Telephone." Saturday evening and Wednesday "Sweet Lover."

"The Anarchist Terror," a sensational drama, in four acts, by Joe Darlington, will be presented at the West London to-morrow. The piece was originally produced at the same theatre as "Foiled by Fate" now its subsidiary title, a year ago.

A week hence a version of the comic opera, "Les Petites Brebis," entitled "The Little Innocents," will be produced at the Grand, Islington.

A new theatre, to be called the Eldorado, is projected in the extreme East of London. A site has been secured by a syndicate in the East India Dock-nd, and plans are being prepared for a building to accommodate an audience of 3,000.

Principal boy in "Aladdin" at the Coronet, is a part reserved for Miss Freda Hare, and at the Camden Miss Marie Dalton will be Dick Whittington. At the former there John Schofield will be Aladdin, Mr. J. Buckley, Jun., Miss Tweddle, Victor Rothwell, and the Empress, Miss Alice Dornan; from Daly's, will be the Visier; Miss Hetty Done, the Princess; Miss Eva Sandford, Pehoe; and Miss Vera Vee, Nisha. Meers, Griffin and Dophus, the knockabouts who were at Drury Lane about four or five years ago, have also been engaged. The book will be by Fred Bowyer, and music by Clarence C. Corri.

At Camden Town, Maitland Marley will play the Cock; Geo. Grey, Idle Jack; Michael Dwyer, the Emperor; and Miss Lillie Elias, Alice Fitzwarren. Ugo Giordi will play a special part throughout the pantomime. Hurst, the wonderful Cat who rides the bicycle, will be faithful Tom, and there will also be the Monkey, who was at the Coronet last year. Mr. Dubois, Julian Hicks is painting the scenery here, as at the Coronet, and the dresses are by Willie Clarkson. Mr. Fred Bowyer is again the author, and Mr. Corri the composer.

The City Police Band Fund held their annual benefit at the Standard Theatre on Wednesday. The crowded auditorium of some 4,000 people, followed with great interest Mr. Fred McMillan's new play, "In a Woman's Grip."

Mr. Charles Cartwright presents "The Shadow Dance" at Kennington to-morrow. To-day there will be another sacred concert, with the London Vienna Band, etc., and to-morrow week Middle, Corinne, who has for years been such a huge success in the States, makes her first appearance in London, playing the title role in the romantic comedy-opera, "Carmite."

"Sun Toy" will be given at the Crown, Peckham, to-morrow. Other fixtures are:—Coronet, "The Messenger Boy"; Camden, "The Sign of the Cross"; Elephant and Castle, "A Beautiful Friend"; Woolwich, "The Silver Slipper"; Terrie, "Not Guilty"; Standard, "In a Woman's Grip"; Shakespeare, "English Nell"; Brixton, "The Girl From Up There"; Broadway, "Othello"; Crown End, "Bells of New York," with Mr. Frank Lawton in the company; Dalston, "The Prodigal Daughter"; Royal (Star and Garter), "British and Boer"; Borough (Stratford), "The Geisha"; Lyric, "The Hawaiian Boy"; Pavilion, "East Lynne"; Britannia, "In the Banks"; and Grand (Islington), "A Woman of Pleasure."

KENNINGTON.

Sydney Carton, the tragic-heroic character portrayed by Dickens, alive to his one vice, the master of his own great heart and courage, is the finest thing Mr. Martin Harvey has yet given us. He is now making a tour with "The Only Way," and those who have the opportunity of making acquaintance with the part and the actor during the itinerary are fortunate. The play is as well mounted as when it was holding premier place in the West End. Mr. Martin Harvey takes with him a company in all respects admirable. His own talented wife, Miss de Silva, enacts her original role of Mimi, a character which so convincingly delineated that one can well excuse its interpolation into Dickens' fascinating story.

MUSIC HALLS.

Mr. John Brill informs us that the Royal reopens to-morrow, under the direction of Mr. Harry Lundy. It is being reopened unaltered, as the plans for re-modelling have not yet received official sanction.

Miss Katie Seymour, after many months absence in New York, where she has been dancing herself into the favour of American audiences, will make her re-appearance in England at the Alhambra Theatre to-morrow, when this daintiest of dancers will introduce several new features, assisted by her specially-trained company of 12 ladies.

This week Stanley's illuminated fountain, which was produced in the pantomime at Drury Lane, will be a feature at the Metropolitan. Harriett Vernon, the Franks Family, Will Evans, the Brothers Horne, Cosi Casselli, Griff, and the Phonocards will be included in the new Bio-Tableaux.

"Homme Moque," who has just introduced himself and his performance to a London audience at the St. James's Hall, adds the absent of masters to the

admiration of his undoubted skill as a conjurer. It is said that he bears the title of the "Marquis d'O—," but whether this be so or not his sleight of hand is of the highest order, while the fact that the wonderful things he seems to produce from nowhere or anywhere—cigarettes, cigar-sticks, etc.—are freely distributed among his audience, is not likely to detract from the success of his performances. With the cards he is remarkably good, and his silk handkerchief trick—the tearing and the mending—must be seen to be appreciated. "L'Homme Moque" twice appeared before the late Queen at Ciniac.

Madame Christensen has completed this evening 10 of the 30 days she has undertaken to absent herself from food, is particularly cheerful during the circuit. She holds receptions all day. Messrs. Chamberlain and Sons, of Swanley, are exhibiting a most extraordinary display of gounds at the Aquarium. They are of the most fantastic shapes, and present beautiful colours. They remain on view all the week. New pictures will be added to the Bioscope to-morrow.

Considering the excellence of the programme, the concession is all the more valuable at the Tivoli matinées, viz., admission at half the ordinary price.

If anyone understands the two-houses-a-night system in all its ramifications, it is Mr. Geo. Belmont, and we are not surprised that he is making a wonderful success of the new venture at the Surrey. A bright sketch, "Nance," well played, and some interesting variety turns make up a most attractive bill.

A very fine company has been appearing at the London Pavilion during the past few weeks with the pleasing and satisfactory result of crowded houses. Dan Leno has been the bright particular star, a nd his songs, "The Building Society" and "The Fireman," have been worked up by the pretensions of a comedian with a clever method that they meet with years of laughter. The somewhat interesting development of G. Geo. Lashwood from the heroic and serious comic period to that of the finished

comedian has been watched with some interest by followers of the variety stage. The change of business is a big success, and his imitation of Scoult in a song dealing with the eccentric methods of the March King, and his patter in connection with an effusion named "The Old Firm," has caused waves of hearty mirth to ripple over the pleased faces of the discriminating audiences of the West.

A lengthy and excellent programme, and a record audience, celebrated the seventh annual and complimentary benefit of Mr. Jessie Sparrow, which took place on Friday night. The responsibility of carrying out the very onerous duties of stage management were shared between Mr. C. Chapman and Mr. Geo. Foster. Some 50 tunes were notified on the programme, and at least 50 appeared. The programme is to be congratulated on a most successful event, in fact, it stands as a red-letter night in the prosperous annals of the Drury Lane Palace.

The Chaplin Trio will give a morning concert on Tuesday, Nov. 5, under the direction of Mr. Vert, in aid of the St. John's Foundation School for Sons of the Clergy. Miss Nellie Chaplin will play piano-solo by Sinding, Greig, and Oleston; Miss Kate Chaplin Spohr's adagio for violin from the 9th concerto, and Miss Mabel Chaplin is announced for Boellmann's variations symphoniques for violoncello. Trios by Schumann and Sutcliffe will also be contributed by these gifted ladies.

Rehearsals of the (still unnamed) new ballet at the Empire are proceeding daily, and it is hoped that it will be ready for production in about three weeks' time. It will be in two scenes, with music as usual by M. Wenzel; costumes, which are more than usually beautiful, designed by Wilhelm; dances arranged by the veterans Mdme. Katti Lanner, and the whole produced under the direction of Mr. Geo. Edwards. Aldrich, the clever juggler who was discovered by the critics in "The Girl From Up There," has been engaged at the Empire Theatre, where he will appear on early date.

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The half-starved lady, as far as personal appearance went, did not suggest a great "falling away," but we were assured by the interpreter, a gentleman whose features were of very pronounced Hebrew type, that

"Two Little Vagabonds" is to supersede "The Sin of a Life" at the Princess's on Monday night, with Miss Sidney Fairbrother again to be seen in her pathetic impersonation of the sad wif and stray Wally.

Mr. Edmond's new play, due at the York's on Saturday, the 26th, is finally named "The Sentimentalist." The cast includes Misses Lewis, Waller, Ben Webster, A. E. George, N. McKinell, and C. W. Somerset, with Madames Carroll, Addison, Miriam Clements, Oliffe, and E. H. Brooke.

The Drury Lane pantomime of "Bluebeard" will be played in three acts. Last year's Christmas entertainment was in two acts; and prior to that the Yuletide show was always given continuously in a single act.

For the run of "The Last of the Danes," forthcoming at Her Majesty's next Thursday, Mr. Tree, in view of the vastness of his theatre, closes the gallery, its frequenters being otherwise accommodated in the back rows of the circle below it.

At the Vaudeville, the Christmas attractions will be a musical fairy story by Mr. Seymour Hicks, entitled "Little Bluebell, the Flower Girl," with lyrics by Mr. Aubrey Hopgood and music by Walter Slingsby.

Mr. L. Farjeon is the last recruit of distinction to the variety stage. From his famous novel "Grit" he has fashioned a sketch in which the popular actress, Miss Alice Eden, will appear. She has already played Grit in the drama of that name with exquisite pathos and rare humour, as the critic of London and New York bore witness. "Grit" will be produced at the Palace of Varieties, Greenwich, on Monday next, Oct. 21, by Mr. Mark Kinghorn, of the Shaftesbury Theatre.

THE "KNUTT'S" CLUB.

There was a large gathering at the "matinee musical" of this club, held on Friday at the Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden-lane, and a long programme kept the audience together for some hours. Mr. Walter Munro, who sang "In Love With Another Man's Wife," and had to repeat the chorus more than once, Mr. Frank Bell, who gave "The Burglar's Blues" with the dramatic significance, Mr. Samuel Clare, the young singer, Mr. Walter Joyce, who sang "Tell All About It," and Misses Letham, Miss Mavis Hope, and Miss M. Gordon were among those who contributed. Mr. Bert Chapman presided with a wonderful display of power with the chairman's hammer.

ARMY MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

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THE TURF.

By LARRY LYNN.

"Larry Lynn" cannot correspond with his readers, nor can he use any consideration undertaken confidential.

(Notes on the week's racing with settings and analysis of important impending races appear in our Friday and Saturday editions. The whole is condensed in our Sunday issue, which also deals with Saturday's meetings, and on Sunday evening, in the evening paper, the racing of the following week. The earlier editions should be ordered through a Newsagent, or at the Railway Bookstall.)

BALSAARROCH'S "SEZEWITCH."

The Cesarewitch meeting is the most important, and the best of the series of autumn fixtures at Newmarket. The horses are all extraordinarily good, or to moderate that they must beat each other in turn, for here we have Pictoriansburg, badly beaten in the St. Leger, turning the tables over the same distance upon the winner, Dorval, which Odeon did not even consider. After a close failure in a Marches Novice, Purfille had been nicely dropped in the scale for similar forthcoming races, and would have been our gamble next week at Galwick. He was unexpectedly pulled out for the Cheveley Park Stakes and was nearly at last after Enoch's good thing. Vostok, who had been beaten by the man he lost, was once more a victor, and the rather small mare, who will be better suited by five furlongs, in the Autumn Handicap, St. Lydia came from 10's to 5-8 in a very short time, and although second best, was unable to stop the record of Darling's success, the only record which was winning in a center from the riddle of Sezewitch.

In Newmarket's third stage, Lambton's stable had a double turn, with Iona and Vertigo—our tip for either this or Tuesday's race, which he shirked, but the price was shockingly poor. Of course, being in luck, this being his master's name, he would be to stop the record of the gamblers winning in a year's time.

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HISTORICAL DRAMA.—Miss Florence St. John as ENGLIS

"THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

In London 2,678 births and 1,820 deaths were registered last week. The births were 53 above, and the deaths 166 below, the average. The annual death-rate per 1,000, from all causes, rose again last week to 15.6.

The 1,820 deaths included three from smallpox, 14 from measles, 22 from scarlet fever, 54 from diphtheria, and 56 from diarrhoea and dysentery.

Different forms of violence caused 49 deaths, concerning all of which inquests were held.

Of these 49 deaths, nine were cases of suicide, and one of homicide, while the remaining 30 were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,228 births and 1,759 deaths were registered, corresponding to annual rates of 31.0 and 13.9 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The deaths registered last week in 33 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 15.9 per 1,000 of the aggregate population, which is estimated at 11,683,026 persons in the middle of this year.

A bank of yarn is 840 yards.

Europe holds the European record in foreign inhabitants, having 854,000, or 472,513, was found in the undivided letters of 1900.

The average farm labourer 20 years old has 45 years to live.

Wages for British dockyard labourers amount to £1,300,000 a year.

British inhabitants drink 35 million bottles yearly of patent medicines.

Costa Rica has only 35 Jews among her population, and Orange River Colony 112.

Each of us eats yearly nearly four times his or her own weight of imported food.

Horses, giraffes, and ostriches have the largest eyes of land creatures, cut-throat of sea-beasts.

Prince Asha, the world's smallest horse, comes from Iceland, is four years old, and 22in. high. The 200,000 tons of timber, worth £50,000, are cut every day in the year.

As much as 3s. duty a piece is paid yearly upon 5,700 bottles of patent medicine.

Of the 164,000 foreigners who reside in Paris, 45,000 are Belgian, 11,000 British.

Norway owns 325 different submarine cables, but their combined length is only 324 miles.

Northlandshire has only 12 marriages per 1,000 people a year. This is England's lowest record.

There are 20,000 engine-drivers in the British Isles, and these average 44,000 miles' travelling a year.

Twenty-nine out of every 100 English people live in cities of 100,000 or over. In Russia only five out of 100 do so.

The proprietors of the White Star Line at Liverpool gave an emphatic denial this week to the revived rumour of the impending sale of the line.

The betrothal of the Archduchess Elisabeth Maria, daughter of the late Crown Prince Rudolf of Austria, to Prince Otto of Windisch-Gratz is officially announced.

The Navy League has written to each of the borough councils asking them to hoist flags upon their public buildings on the 21st inst., the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

The down Ostend boat express caught fire on Tuesday afternoon at Canterbury. A carriage was detached at Kemsley, and the train proceeded on its journey after half an hour's delay.

The Bishop of London this week dedicated the new peal of bells presented to Sunbury parish church by Sir Frederick and Lady Dixon Hartland as a memorial of the late Queen.

The Barcombe (Sussex) village club has, through its president, Sir W. Grantham, received a gift of £50 for the library from Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

A presentation of £235 and a silver salver was made this week at Dover to Mr. T. O. Sanders, who has retired from the chief constabulary after 30 years' service.

In commemoration of the 1000th anniversary of the death of King Alfred, Somerset men in London will dine together at the Holborn Restaurant on Oct. 26. The chair will be taken by Mr. Edwin Sloper, late of Taunton.

A mine named Hardy went to work in its usual good health at Beddoe Colliery on Monday, and descended in the cage to the workings. When the cage reached the bottom of the shaft it was found that Hardy had gone stone blind.

Twelve thousand native oysters from the Pyramids of Coles have been ordered for the annual oyster feast at Colchester on Thursday. Among the expected guests are Mr. Hanbury, M.P., Gen. Gatacre, Capt. Sycamore (of the Shamrock), and the Lord Mayor of London.

During the hearing of a case at Worcester Sessions a juror, interrupting counsel's address, said that prisoner was not charged with receiving. Mr. Amphlett, the chairman, thereupon told the juror that he must have some previous knowledge of the case, and summarily ordered him out of the box. The juror said he was pleased.

The town of Rhosllannerchrugog, with a population of over 10,000, has decided not to light the street lamps during the coming winter, owing to the refusal of the gas company to reduce their price. The parish council is heartily supported in this decision by the ratepayers of the district. The private consumers also intend to do without gas if a reduction is not made.

As Mr. Thos. Jenkins, J.P., one of the best known public men in South Wales, was presiding over a meeting of the Merthyr Board of Guardians, he fell forward while a vote was being taken and died almost immediately. Mr. Jenkins has not been well for a long time, but his condition was not regarded as serious. He had often expressed the wish that he might die in harness.

It is proposed to place a memorial of late Mr. R. D. Blackmore, author of "Lorna Doone," in Exeter Cathedral. Among the supporters of the movement are Mr. Rudyard Kipling, Mr. Hall Caine, Mr. Thos. Hardy, Mr. W. Clark Russell, and Mr. Edes Philpott. Mr. R. B. Marion, of St. Dunstan's House, Fetter-lane, London, E.C., the hon. secretary and treasurer to the memorial fund, will give information or receive donations.

CHINA TRADES.

China uses 5,000 tons of opium a year—worth £1,125 a ton.

Treasury per cent. of all income persons have become so thorough drunk.

On an average five persons live in each of Britain's 7½ million houses.

Greek fire was probably made of bitumen, sulphur, naphtha, and nitre.

The average weight of a horse is 1,000lb.

500 people die daily from accidents in Europe.

In 1890 a.p. the revenue of England was £21,220,000 a year. This fell in 1891 to a total of £162,000.

Four hundred British companies go into liquidation yearly, costing the shareholders in all 12 millions sterling.

The largest ship that has ever been built is the Suez Canal is the Grosser Furtwurst, of 15,000 tons.

On the ground that the Court of Chancery writ does not run in Scotland.

Under these circumstances it is unlikely the writ will be put in force, as a very serious state of matters would then arise. It would be kidnapping.

It is asserted, under Scottish law.

Meantime a caveat has been lodged in the Sheriff Court against the registration of any marriage there of Lieut. Cecil. Of course, this does not affect the marriage in St. Cuthbert's. Up till the time of writing, states an Edinburgh correspondent, no objection had been lodged with the St. Cuthbert's Session. To-day the proclamation will be made for the final time. Edinburgh society is looking forward to public objection.

MARRIAGE ROMANCE.

A FRESH DEVELOPMENT.

An extraordinary development has taken place in the Coal-Basin wedding romance. A warrant, it appears, was obtained in the Court of Chancery in place of the Rt. Hon. Sir Archibald Smith, deceased.

Mr. John Sturton of Appeal.

The King has also approved the appointment of Justice Mathew to be Lord Justice of Appeal in the room of Lord Justice Henn Collins.

THE JUDGES' CAREERS.

The Rt. Hon. Sir Richard Henn Collins, the new Master of the Rolls, was born in 1842, and was appointed a judge of the High Court in 1891, and a Lord Justice of Appeal six years later.

Sir J. C. Mathew is 71, and was raised to the judicial bench in 1891.

Sir James is an Irishman, and in 1888 was appointed chairman of the Irish Evicted Tenants' Commission.

It is interesting to note that from the year 1897 to the present date less than five eminent lawyers have filled the office of Master of the Rolls.

Lord Esher resigned in 1897 (and died two years later); Sir Nathaniel Lindley, who succeeded him, was created a life peer in 1900, and made a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary; Lord Alverstone (Sir Richard Webster) occupied the post from May to October, 1900; Sir Archibald Smith was in office exactly a twelvemonth; and Sir Richard Henn Collins is now appointed.

RAISED TO THE BENCH.

Mr. Joseph Walton, K.C., has, says

"The Manchester Evening News," been appointed to succeed Mr. Justice Mathew, as judge of the commercial court. For many a year Mr. Walton has been the leading counsel in every big commercial case. He is regarded by solicitors as so precious in commercial cases that last year the question was raised as to whether his juniors in the cause in which he was the leader might forgo their right to take fees amounting to two-thirds of those paid to the leader. That is the universal Bar custom. The fact that Mr. Walton has recently been acting as a Commissioner of Assize was thought to mark him out for preferment when a judicial vacancy occurred. Mr. Walton, who is in his 56th year, was chairman of the General Council of the Bar in 1899. His face is an index to the kindness of his heart, no less than to the shrewdness of his intellect. No man is more a person's grata to his friends, who sympathise deeply with him last year when he lost a son—a boy of 20—in South Africa.

EXTRAORDINARY EVIDENCE AT MIDDLESEX SESSIONS.

At Middlesex Sessions yesterday Mr. Charles Eley, 21, Jas. Cawse, 20, labourers, and Hy. Warman, 18, cycle publisher, were indicted for pawning, breaking and theft at Finchley. There were also other indictments for stealing an axe, fowls, ducks, etc., at different addresses in the same locality.

Prisoners were found guilty.—On Aug. 8 it was reported to the police that the pavilion of the Finchley Cricket Club, at East End, had been entered the previous night, and coats, shirts, tea, knives, a steel, plates, etc., stolen.—Station-serv. Bryant and other officers examined the premises. Bryant appears to have then acted either on chance or instinct. Proceeding to the large stretch of meadow-land between Finchley and Hampstead, he led his comrades on what must have appeared a wild-goose chase. At a farmhouse he changed his official garb for a suit of the farmer's, and proceeded to the rather extensive wood bordering Hampstead Heath.

WHAT THE POLICE FOUND.

They found in a part where the undergrowth was very thick that barbed wire had been stretched from bush to bush and secured to trees, but succeeded in evading it, and came upon a "regular encampment." There was a tripod with a kettle suspended over a fire, and while they were taking in the details prisoners discovered them and separated. Det. Pyke captured Warman on the spot, and examined the camp. Knives, forks, plates, cooking utensils, an improvised larder in an old tree, with the remains of poultry, even condiments were there. Crowes, who had been in the war in South Africa, had planned the whole, and it was evident they had been there for at least three months.

The massed navies of the world include 360 battleships, 471 cruisers, 1,253 gunboats, and 1,600 torpedo-boats.

Men-of-war cost £45 a ton to build in British dockyards; but including guns, etc., the total cost is raised to £50 a ton.

The £1,050 pair for Hoppner's portrait of Lady Louise Manners represented £7 sterling for each square inch of canvas.

Residents in England have 110 millions sterling invested in mortgages in foreign countries, for which £1 million is paid yearly in interest.

Nearly 4,500 persons are accidentally drowned every year in England. Of these only 150 are skating accidents, and 200 from bathing.

Three thousand seven hundred and forty British patents in the recent year cost the patentees £190,000 in fees. In the United States 12,340 patents were issued in the same time for £140,000.

January and October in the same year always begin with the same day of the week. The case is the same with April and July; with September and December; and with February, March, and November.

THE BATTLESHIP "FORTYTHREE."

It is a photograph of a potato which Mr. Felix Ward, of Bodmin, Cornwall, dug up in his garden one day this week. It is mounted on a stand to emphasise its human appear-



A QUEER-LOOKING POTATO.

ance. As a "freak of nature," our correspondent says it has excited great curiosity in Bodmin, which we well believe. "The photograph," he writes, "is an exact facsimile of it."

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The Canard mail-s.s. Umbria, from

New York with mails and passengers,

arrived at Queenstown yesterday, and reported that on the 16th inst. at 7.23 a.m., wireless communication was

established with the same company.

Mr. E. Barrow is to superintend the experiments, which

will be conducted by the experimental staff of the Portsmouth Gunnery School.

They are expected to take

place shortly. The Narcissus has been

boated out of dock in readiness to be

moved to the place selected for the

trip. The Narcissus, being a gun-

ship, is fitted with a great

variety of guns, and by using her

the attack of gun of various calibres

can be tested.

HEROES IN THE RANKS.

SERGEANT AND THREE PRIVATES WIN THE V.C.

Four gallant British soldiers, who

risked their lives for the sake of a

wounded comrade, are Sergeant H.

Hampton, 2nd Liverpools, and Privates H. G. Crandon, 18th Hussars,

C. Kennedy, 2nd H.L.I., and E. Dur-

ant, 2nd Foot Guards. The story

of their bravery, told with official

brevity, appeared in Friday's "Gazette," together with the announcement that on each of the quartette

would be conferred the Victoria Cross.

PLUCKY SERGEANT.

After holding an important position

for some time against heavy odds at

Wan Wyk's Vlei a year ago last Au-

gust, Sgt. H. G. Hampton, when compelled

at last to retire, saw all his men into

safety. Then, although he had him-

self been wounded in the head, he

supported Lc.-corp. Walsh, who was

unable to walk, until the latter was

again hit and apparently killed.

Hampton himself was again wounded

shortly after, and ran to the

breach to rescue his comrade.

He then turned to the

breach to rescue his comrade.

